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TITLE OF INVENTION: LUMINANCE CONTROL METHOD, LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY DEVICE AND COMPUTER PROGRAM

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Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b)

(application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

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Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	10/579,740	SAKAI, YOSHIKAZU
	Examiner	Art Unit
	BENYAM KETEMA	2629

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to 10/29/2010.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 23-30,33,34 and 36 (now numbered as 1-11).
3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some* c) None of the:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
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4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. In an amendment dated, October 29, 2010, Claims 23, 27, 33 and 36 have been amended, claims 1-22, 31-32 and 35 have been canceled. Currently claims 23-30, 33, 34 and 36 are presented for examination.

Response to Amendment

2. Applicant's amendment filed October 29, 2010, with respect to Claim 23, 27, 33 and 36 has been fully considered and is persuasive. The rejection of Claims 23-30, 33, 34 and 36 has been withdrawn.

Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art of record fails to disclose the claimed invention. **The features of independent claim 23, 27, 33 and 36 directed towards allowable subject matter is “... performing, at a time before actually displaying ,an image, the steps of: measuring a luminance of light emitted from the backlight through the liquid crystal panel in a plurality of states where the liquid crystal panel has a predetermined transmittance and the backlight has a different luminance, and preliminarily storing the measured luminance of light emitted through the liquid crystal panel as associated with the luminance of the backlight detected by the luminance detecting unit for each of the plurality of states, respectively; and measuring a luminance of light emitted through the liquid crystal panel in each input**

level, and preliminarily storing the measured luminance associated with an input level which gives the luminance; and subsequently performing, at a time of actually displaying the image, the steps of: setting a desired luminance set value of light emitted through the liquid crystal panel in a state where the liquid crystal panel has a predetermined transmittance; calculating a luminance of the backlight to be detected by the luminance detecting unit which results in the set desired luminance set value of light emitted through the liquid crystal panel, on the basis of the preliminarily stored luminance association in each state; controlling the luminance of the backlight so as to be the calculated luminance; calculating a luminance of light emitted through the liquid crystal panel in each input level and a luminance to be set in each gray level in a case of the luminance set value, on the basis of the stored luminance and input level; ...".

Yamaguchi (US PG Pub 2003/0231161) discloses measuring a luminance of light emitted from the backlight through the liquid crystal panel in a plurality of states (Paragraph 91), where the liquid crystal panel has a predetermined transmittance (inherent) and the backlight has a different luminance (inherent), preliminarily storing the measured luminance of light emitted through the liquid crystal panel as associated with the luminance of the backlight detected by the luminance detecting unit for each of the plurality of states, respectively (Paragraph 105); and setting a desired luminance set value of light emitted through the liquid crystal panel in a state where the liquid crystal panel has a predetermined transmittance (Paragraph 91); calculating a luminance of the backlight to be detected by the luminance detecting unit, which results in the set desired luminance set value of light emitted through the liquid crystal panel, on the basis of the

preliminarily stored luminance association in each state; [(Fig 10 and Paragraph 105 & 115) discloses that the luminance is detected by optical sensor and sent to control section wherein it is compared (calculated) with stored value of the backlight] and controlling the luminance of the backlight so as to be the calculated luminance (Fig 10 item 86). Further more Yamamoto et al (US PG Pub 2001/0008395) discloses that measuring a luminance of light emitted through the liquid crystal panel in each input level, (Paragraph 39 line 3-11 discloses optical sensor fitted on the front surface of LCD measures light emitted through the LCD) and preliminarily storing the measured luminance associated with an input level which gives the luminance; calculating a luminance of light emitted through the liquid crystal panel in each input level and a luminance to be set in each gray level in a case of the luminance set value, on the basis of the stored luminance and input level; (Paragraph 39 line 11 – Paragraph 40 line 9).

But Yamaguchi or Yamamoto et al fails to disclose **performing the steps of:** measuring a luminance of light emitted from the backlight through the liquid crystal panel in a plurality of states and preliminarily storing the measured luminance of light emitted through the liquid crystal panel as associated with the luminance of the backlight detected by the luminance detecting unit for each of the plurality of states, respectively; and measuring a luminance of light emitted through the liquid crystal panel in each input level, and preliminarily storing the measured luminance associated with an input level which gives the luminance, **at a time before actually displaying an image,** and **performing the steps of :** setting a desired luminance set value of light emitted through the liquid crystal panel in a state where the liquid crystal panel has a

predetermined transmittance; calculating a luminance of the backlight to be detected by the luminance detecting unit which results in the set desired luminance set value of light emitted through the liquid crystal panel, on the basis of the preliminarily stored luminance association in each state; **at a time of actually displaying the image.**

These features in combination with the remaining language of claim 23, 27, 33 and 36 are not taught by the prior art of record. Therefore claims 23-30, 33, 34 and 36 are found to be allowable over the prior art of record.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to BENYAM KETEMA whose telephone number is (571)270-7224. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday- Friday 8:00AM - 5:00PM.

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/ B.K. /

Examiner, Art Unit 2629

/Bipin Shalwala/

Supervisory Patent Examiner, Art Unit 2629